

## Board Paper Stories

**Write a story "Once A Liar Always A Liar"**

**Ans.**

### Once a Liar Always a Liar

Once, a shepherd lived in a jungle near a village. One day, he thought of a trick. He shouted "Wolf! Wolf!". The villagers with heavy sticks ran to his help. But they found no wolf there. The shepherd stood laughing. The villagers were unhappy but went away.

After a few days, he did the same joke. The villagers again came to help him. But they got angry at this joke. After a month, a wolf actually came there. The shepherd, at the top of his voice, cried, "Wolf! Wolf! Wolf!" But the villagers paid a deaf ear to his cries.

After a few days, they went off to the jungle. They saw him along with many sheep torn into pieces. His joke had brought him death.

**Moral:**

- 1) Once a liar, always a liar.
- 2) Never tell a lie.
- 4) A liar is always punished.

### **Write a story "A friend in need is a friend indeed"**

Once, two friends set out on a journey. They promised to help each other through thick and thin. One day, they happened to pass through a forest. Suddenly, they saw a bear coming towards them. The one ran and climbed up a tree. He did not care for his friend.

The other was confused but thought of a trick. He at once lay down and held his breath. He knew that the bear does not harm a dead person. The bear came there. He sniffed him, took the man to be dead and went away. Then the other friend came down the tree. He asked his friend as a joke what the bear had said in his ear. He replied that the bear advised him not to trust a selfish person.

**Moral:**

- 1) A friend in need is a friend indeed.
- 2) Fair weather friends leave in the lurch.

**Write a story**

### **It never pays to over reach yourself**

Once, there was a king. He had a jester in his court. The king was very fond of him. He enjoyed every kind of liberty of speech. He used to make fun of lords and ministers. He did not spare even the king. He became very bold and proud.

One day, when the king was holding court and was busy in some serious state affairs, the jester made fun of him. The king was greatly offended. He sentenced the jester to death. He begged for mercy but the king turned down his request. After repeated requests for mercy, the king allowed him to choose the kind of death he liked. The clever jester at once said that he would choose the death of old age. The king was pleased with him and forgave him with a warning to be careful in future.

**Moral:**

**It never pays to over reach yourself**

**Write a story with moral, "Haste makes waste"**

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When the hunter came back, he found his son missing. The hound was standing at the gate. It was all blood stained. The hunter thought that the hound had killed his son. He became very angry. He at once killed the hound. After this he saw bloodstains everywhere in the house. He was very sad and surprised.

After sometime his son came out of his room. He told his father all about the happening. He told that a hungry wolf had come into the house to eat him. But the hound attacked it in time and killed it. Hearing this, the hunter began to cry at his haste in killing his faithful hound.

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**3. Write a story with a moral Look before you leap**

Once, a fox fell into a well. He did not know how to come out. The well was shallow, but he could not get out of it. By chance, a goat passed by the well. She looked into the well. She was surprised to find the fox there. She said to the fox, "Hello! What are you doing here?"

The fox replied, "Dear, the water of this well is very sweet. I daily come here to drink it. So come down and have a drink." The goat was very foolish. She did not stop to think but jumped into the well. The fox at once got over the back of the goat and jumped out of the well.

Now the goat realized her folly. She requested the fox to help her get out. The fox said, "Why did you jump into the well if you could not come out? Now go oh crying. Your master will come to get you out. In the meantime, you may enjoy the sweet water of the well! Goodbye!" Saying this, the fox ran into the jungle and the goat was left in trouble.

**Moral:**

**Look before you leap.**

## Stories

### Union is the strength

Once a farmer had three grown up sons. They always quarreled among themselves. Their father advised them to live in peace but it had no effect on them. He was worried about their future. One day the farmer fell seriously ill. He sent for his sons. He asked them to collect a handful of sticks, which they did at once. He tied the sticks into a bundle.

Now, he asked them to break the bundle one by one. They tried hard to break it but none could. At last, the farmer untied the bundle and asked each to break a single stick. They broke the single stick quite easily. Their father said, "My dear sons, you could not break the sticks as long as they remained tied together but you broke each single stick quite easily. They were strong in bundle but became weak when separated from one another "united we stand divided we fall."

This had a deep effect on the farmer's sons. They gave up quarrelling and began to live in peace.

**Moral:** Union is the strength

**Together you will stand divide you will fall**

### Robbers turn good citizens

Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Qadir Gilani (God be pleased with him) had to undertake a journey, when he was yet a young boy. His pious mother stitched up forty gold coins in his shirt. She advised her son to speak the truth always. He joined a caravan and set off on his journey. When the caravan entered a forest, a gang of robbers fell on the travelers and deprived them of all their valuables.

While they were busy, robbing everyone a robber happened to pass by the young boy. He said, "Boy, do you have anything on you?" "Yes" came the prompt reply, "I have forty gold coins."

The robber asked the young boy to show the money which he readily did. The robber took the boy to the leader of the gang.

Like all other robbers the leader was not a little surprised. He said, "Why did you not deny having money?" Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Qadir Gilani told the robbers Chief that his mother had advised him to speak the truth always. This had a deep effect on the Chief. He said, "Alas! I do not obey the commands of God while this little boy so faithfully follows the advice of his mother."

Remorse became a torch light to show him the right path. He made up his mind to give up his bad ways of earning livelihood. He disbanded the gang and advised all the members to live an honest life. Thus the example set by Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Qadir Gilani reformed all the robbers. He grew up to be a great religious leader and a pious saint. He is held in great esteem by millions of his followers and devotees. He is popularly known as Ghausul-Azam Gilani.

**Moral: Honesty is the Best Policy**

### The Donkey trapped In his own trick

A villager had a donkey. He earned his living by transporting goods from place to place. One early morning he loaded the donkey with salt and set off to the

town. A stream ran across his way to the market. As the donkey walked through the stream it slipped and fell down. A good deal of salt was washed away and the donkey felt light. The donkey thought it was quite a good trick to make the load light.

Next morning the man again loaded it with salt. The donkey played the same trick and got light. The master saw through the game and made up his mind to teach the donkey a good lesson. Now on the third day he put a bale of cotton on the donkey. The silly animal tried the same trick once more. Soaked with water the cotton load became much heavier than when it was dry.

The foolish donkey was punished for his bad intention.

**Moral: The Donkey trapped in his own trick**

### **Thirsty Crow**

Once there was a thirsty crow. It had no water to drink for many hours. It flew about here and there in search of water but all in vain. At last it saw a pitcher on the roof of a house. It came down and peeped into the pitcher. It saw some water in the bottom of the pitcher.

It tried to reach the water but could not do so. It hit upon a plan. It brought pebbles and threw them down one by one into the pitcher. Slowly the water began to rise in the pitcher.

After some time the water reached the brim of the pitcher. The crow quenched its thirst heartily and flew away. In this way we see that with the help of little sense the crow was able to think a way out of its difficulties.

**Moral: Necessity is the mother of invention.**

### **The Clever Cat and the vain Fox**

One day a cat and a fox happened to meet in a forest. The fox said to the cat "Good morning, where are you off to? Let us have a chat. It's all safe here." The cat stopped and greeted the fox and said, "Mr. fox, I think it is not safe to stop here for long. I usually see hunters about here."

"Oh, never mind the hunters. I know scores of tricks to dodge the hunters. Do you also know any such trick?" The cat said, "I only know how to climb a tree in time of danger." The fox was vain and looked at the cat with contempt. He said, "Ah! poor soul, is that all? How can you escape death if your single trick fails? Shall I teach you some sure tricks?"

Just then the cat saw a huntsman approaching with a pack of hounds. It said, "Look! there come the hounds. Good bye." It climbed up the nearest tree and cleverly saved her life. The hounds came upon the vain fox very soon. The fox ran for life but the hounds overtook him before long and tore him to pieces.

**Moral: 1. Vanity is self-deception.**

**2. Pride hath a fall.**

**3. Do not boast of your riches.**

### **The wolf and the lamb**

Once there was a naughty lamb. His mother always loved her child so much that she worried about the safety of the child. His mother always warned him, "Be careful! You must not go into the forest. Wild animals live in there. They may threaten you. Sometimes they would eat you."

One day, as usual the lamb wandered far off into the forest. There he saw a spring. "I am thirsty. Let me drink some water," he thought. He decided to take water

from the spring for his thirsty. While the lamb was drinking water in the spring, a wolf watched from behind a tree.

"A lamb! My lucky day!" the wolf thought, approaching the lamb. The lamb was not aware of the wolf for some time. There was no one besides these two animals to save the lamb from the wolf.

"You know this forest belongs only to wild animals like me. Why have you come in here to take water from this spring?" asked the wolf.

The lamb knew that wolves were dangerous animals. "Mother has warned me about wolves. I am sure this fellow wants to eat me for his lunch. This fellow is ferocious. I must escape from this animal," he thought.

The wolf continued, "You are also dirtying water. How will I drink this polluted water now?"

"But the spring flows from where you are standing down to where I am standing, Sir!" said the lamb, in a meek voice. The wolf was surprised to hear such an intelligent answer from the lamb. But the wolf was just looking for an excuse to kill the lamb. "How dare you argue with me? I think you are the same lamb who had abused me last year," the wolf shouted.

"Last year? Bur Sir, I was not even born then!" the lamb squeaked. The lamb heard some woodcutters. They were coming the way in which the lamb and the wolf were standing.

This way the lamb kept on talking for few more minutes. As the lamb spoke, the woodcutters arrived. They saw both the lamb and the wolf. They caught the wolf and beat him before letting him go. The lamb was relieved to be safe. He ran back to his mother.

**Moral: A Friend in need is a friend indeed**

### **Angel and the Wood-cutter**

One day a wood cutter's axe accidentally fell into a river. The poor wood cutter made a good search in the water. But his efforts were in vain. Finally he burst into tears. Hearing his sobs, an Angel appeared before him.

The Angel dived into the river and came up carrying a golden axe. The wood cutter did not accept it. He stated that his axe was made of iron. The Angel disappeared and soon returned with a silver axe. The wood cutter again denied that it was his axe.

The Angel once again plunged into the river. It soon reappeared carrying the axe of the wood cutter. The poor man greeted the angel with words of profuse thanks and great joy. The Angel was impressed by the man's honesty. She presented him with the golden and silver axes in recognition of his truthful nature.

**Moral: Truthfulness brings its own reward.**

## **Self Test Comprehension of a Passage**

**Q1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end.**

Some ants are social insects. It means that they live in societies, cooperate with one another and do only the assigned to them. They go out in search of food in